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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-18, please consider the following remarks.